

# **River Crossing Homeowners' Association Tree Removal Policy**

## **PURPOSE**

To describe the policy and procedure concerning removal of dead or dangerous trees from Association owned property.

## **BACKGROUND**

The River Crossing Homeowners' Association owns several parcels of land abutting lots owned by Association members. In particular those parcels east of the development (tracts 998 and 999 on the plat maps, and often referred to as the "greenbelt" or North Creek wetlands) contain many large native growth trees. If a tree in this area becomes diseased, damaged or dies it may pose a potential hazard to homes nearby.

## **POLICY**

It is the policy of the River Crossing Homeowners' Association to pay to have diseased, damaged or dead trees removed from Association owned property if the tree is a hazard and proper approval is received from the City of Mill Creek.

## **PROCEDURE**

If an Association member is concerned about a tree on Association land, he or she may request that it be removed using the following procedure:

1. Notify the Association of a concern over a tree that is diseased, dead or otherwise creates a potential hazard
2. A designee from the Board of Directors will review the tree in question and if it is a potential hazard, write a letter authorizing the homeowner to petition the City for authorization to remove the tree.
3. The homeowner applies to the City of Mill Creek to have the tree inspected and approved for removal, providing the Association letter of authorization. The permit form is available at the City's website, or from the City Hall.
4. The City will usually send an inspector to meet with the homeowner and inspect the tree.
5. The City will send a letter to the homeowner either authorizing or denying removal.
6. If approved send the City's authorization to the HOA mailing address (P.O. Box 14485, Mill Creek, WA 98082) .
7. The Board of Directors will arrange for an urban logger to remove the tree.
8. Note: the City's policy is to have trees which are cut down in the Conservation Easement (tracts 998 and 999) dropped to the ground and left. Wood from the trees cannot be removed.

## **Approvals:**

1. Original approved September 9, 2010